

20 August 2023



Vintage Coffee Group will meet Wednesday 23 August 2023 at Twig and Sparrow Cafe, Woodpecker Ave Willetton at 11.00am.

A Celebration of Life for the Rev Allan Mackenzie will be held today (Sunday 20th August) in the staff room at Wesley College, South Perth at 11.00am.

Thought For the Day

"Life is a mountain. Your goal is to find your path, not to reach the top."
Canadian Maxime Lagrace

Meditation Group

Come and join us at the Meditation Sessions held at 9.30am every Thursday at the Church. Join us for coffee afterwards at Firewood Cafe on High Rd. ☕
For more information, please contact Marg Staffa on 0439 747 534



Prayerbook and Offering

Rosters:	Sunday 20 August 2023	Sunday 27 August 2023
Minister:	Samuel Anaan	Samuel Anaan
Readers:	Lyn Muir, Deirdre Russell	R van Bremen, W Wilson
Organist:	Janice Barrett	Deirdre Russell
Stewards:	Ann Barter, W Lozowy, E Kenny	C Malan, B Read, G Rowney
Welcome:	Maisie Hogan, Wilma Wilson	C Erskin, G Stevens
Morning Tea:	Pauline & Bruce Read	V Rowney, M Staffa
Audio Visual:	Vicki Banks	Eddie Riedel
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NEWSLETTER



God's love and hope in action
for as long as God is there, there will always be a Light,
a Hope, a Way. Make every moment full of
Love and Hope for God



Blessings
Uniting Church Australia
Presbytery of Western Australia

A word on the WORD (Matthew 15:21-28 (Compare Mark 7:24-30)

The story surprises! Would Jesus respond like this? Then as you read it again you will notice that Jesus emphasis that his coming is to call the Jews back on track. They have allowed the LAW to become an end in itself rather than an aid to their faithfulness. What is more is that she is a Gentile and argues her case in public with Jesus. Normally she would have Buckley's chance of success, but she addresses Jesus as Son of David (Matt.) – and she persists. In addressing Jesus as Son of David she is acknowledging Jesus as Messiah! And the Jesus whom we have come to love and follow reveals himself in all his compassion.

The devotional booklet *With Love to the World* makes a powerful comparison with our own Australian First Nation people and raises the question of the forthcoming referendum as to how generous will we be. The risk Jesus takes is enormous – will we be so brave? (Harry Lucas)



Prayers for the week starting 20August.

Penrose College, Wesley College and Hospital Chaplains Northern Synod



Bible Reading Today, 20 August 2023

Genesis 45:1-15, Psalm 133
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32, Matthew 15 (10-20), 21-28

Bible Reading Sunday, 27 August 2023

Exodus 1:8-2:10, Psalm 124
Roman 12: 1-8, Mathew 16:13-20

A Banner and Craft Sale and Exhibition is taking place. on **Saturday 26 August from 2.00pm to 4.00pm at Trinity North Uniting Church, Greenwood.** The Trinity North UC craft groups are selling some of their wonderful work, and some items are on display as part of the exhibit. Some church banners will be available for sale also.



Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.



You're invited
Opening Worship
47th Annual Synod of WA



Installation of
Rev Dr Ian Tozer
as Moderator

8 September
7.00pm
Floreat Uniting Church

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Dear Church Family,

Grace and peace from our Loving Savior Jesus Christ be unto you, Jesus, who through his unending love has called us children of God. I thank our Triune God for the opportunity to journey together with you in the months ahead of us all. I trust that God's faithfulness will lead us and guide us all. I hope and trust that as we journey together, we will continue to encounter God in various meaningful ways and allow the Holy Spirit to speak to us in whichever way God chooses. In my reflection this morning, I was reading Psalm 61:1-3, and what stood out for me is the psalmist's constant cry for God's protection, knowing that there is nowhere in the world that can ensure perfect divine protection except our Loving God, who never discriminates but instead embraces us all. The cry to God to protect the Psalmist from all life's challenges, which sometimes can derail our faith. Knowing that the God we serve is compassionate, loving and affirming. I pray that God will help us continue to hold on to our faith in God, knowing that God listens to all the whispers of our hearts and is always ready to journey with us when we allow the Holy Spirit to do so. What a privilege we have as children of God!

As people on a pilgrim journeying together, I would like to inform you that the Church will be open every Tuesday and Wednesday for anyone who would like to come in for a prayer, a chat, meditation or any way that feeds your spirituality that you may require using the premises for. I will be there from 9 am to 3 pm on these days. Please be informed that the front door will be locked just for security purposes, but kindly knock at the door or give me a ring (0406346432), and I will come to the front to let you in. Also, I will be available during the week for a call or visit if you would like me to do so. I will be happy to catch up with you within the week between 9 am to 5 pm, but if you want us to catch up on Tuesdays or Wednesdays, I would prefer to meet at the church premises since I will be there on these days.

The church council has agreed that I should take Mondays as my day off, so I will not be available on Mondays.

It would be a blessing to hear your feedback and any suggestions that would be helpful for our worship and the journey ahead.

I pray that God will continue to bless you, grant you Divine inner peace and meet you in a way that would be very meaningful for you.

Blessings,

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